

SERIAL NO. 10/722,787

REMARKS

The courtesy of a Telephone Interview with Examiner Vanik and Applicant's Attorney, Dr. Katz, Reg. No. 19,706 is hereby respectfully acknowledged.

In response to the Examiner's Action, Applicant has amended claims herein, and added claim 19, to more clearly distinguish the present claims from the "product" claims of co-pending Application serial No. 10/353,390, by the same inventor and assigned to the same assignee as herein. As now amended, the claims are directed to a personal care composition which includes (A) and (B), and a personal care ingredient, and water and/or ethanol, as described in detail in the specification pages 13-22. As now defined, the personal care compositions provide a line of demarcation over the "product" claims of said application which includes only (A) and (B). In the next amendment to said application, "personal care" formulation claims 14-16 will be cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejection of amended claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. 101 is respectfully solicited.

Claim 1 was rejected as non-enabling for the generic groups x, y and z. The Examiner has suggested a suitable R' derivatizing group. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 1 as requested to define the Z polyoxyalkylene amine-derivatizing group which forms the novel amide and/or imide polymer. Applicant also has amended dependent claim 4 to include 3-(dimethylamino)propylamine, a typical hydrophilic amine (Y), which is present in Examples 1-5 herein. Amended claim 5 defines the mole ratio of these amines in the composition.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and early allowance of the claims as amended is respectfully requested. In the event any issue still remains after this amendment, Examiner Vanik is urged to call Applicant's Attorney to discuss the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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